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ENGLISH APPL

WRITING NONFICTION

**DAY 1**: Brainstorm and research information to use in your nonfiction article. You will be required to include facts and argument techniques that we’ve discussed in class. Complete the brainstorming sheet.

**DAY 2:** Write your nonfiction article using the information required in an organized and concise manner. You will have the opportunity to share with the class informally.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Clear topic (main idea/conclusion):
2. Purpose for writing:
3. Your Tone/Attitude about the topic:
4. Clear Organizational Structure:
5. Use of Argument Techniques: Use two examples of three of the four techniques
   1. *Statistics (fact using numbers)*
   2. *Expert Opinion/Authority (credible source in the field)*
   3. *Logical Appeal (analogy, common sense connection, etc.)*
   4. *Emotional Appeal (use of emotionally-charged language)*

**FORMAT**:

You will type your nonfiction article in 3-5 paragraphs, depending on the organizational structure you pick. The first and last should be an introduction and conclusion, respectively. Your article should be detailed and reflect the purpose and attitude that you selected. You must write the article in your own words and site any information that you take verbatim (word-for-word) from another source. You should double space your paper and put the correct heading at the top. See the sample below.

Your Name

Date

Nonfiction Article

Main Idea: *(type your main idea here)*

Purpose: *(type your purpose here)*

Attitude/Tone: *(type your tone here)*

Organizational Structure: *(type your organizational structure here)*

Title

Start typing your paper here. Remember to use spell check/grammar check. Double space

your paper too please……

**GRADING ( 35 pts.)**:

* Format: \_\_\_ /4
* Organizational Structure Followed: \_\_\_\_ / 5
* Content/Detail on Main Idea: \_\_\_ / 8
* Purpose/Tone Met: \_\_\_\_/5
* Argument Techniques \_\_\_\_ / 8
* Class work: \_\_\_\_\_ / 5

**BRAINSTORM/RESEARCH**

1. **Topic:**

**ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES**

* + - * + **Problem / Solution**: Give a problem, then explain the solution

*(Ex. Problem: Global warming / Solution: switch to natural gas)*

* + - * + **Cause / Effect**: One thing had a number of effects… you must have at least 2 effects

*(Ex. Getting a bad grades affects: my report card, my homelife, my weekend, my future)*

* + - * + **Topical/Description**: Describe all aspects of a topic… you must have at least 2 topics

*(Ex. Dogs – breeds, history, caring for, training, playing, etc.)*

* + - * + **Compare/Contrast**: Take two things and explain the similarities and the differences

*(Ex. Life without kids / Life with kids)*

* + - * + **Chronological**: In order of what happened

(Ex. History – WWI… WWII…Vietnam)

* + - * + **Sequential**: Step-by-Step Instructions

(Ex. To bake a cake, first… second… last…)

1. **Main idea/conclusion about the topic:**
2. **Purpose for writing (circle one):**

*INFORM PERSUADE WARN*

1. **Tone/Attitude about the topic**:
2. **Clear Organizational Structure:** (Check the one you will use in the box to the right. Then, explain how many paragraphs you will need and what each will be about.
3. **Use of Argument Techniques (minimum of 2 each)**

*Statistics (fact using numbers)*

*Expert Opinion/Authority (credible source in the field)*

*Logical Appeal (analogy, common sense connection, etc.)*

*Emotional Appeal (use of emotionally-charged language… make us have a feel something!)*

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English APPL

**NONFICTION WRITING (35 PTS.)**

* **FORMAT**: \_\_\_\_\_\_ /4
  + *Appropriate heading, typed, double spaced*
* **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**: \_\_\_\_\_\_ / 5
  + *Followed organizational structure*

*identified, introduction, conclusion,*

* **CONTENT/DETAIL ON MAIN IDEA**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / 8
  + *Used detail and clearly explained/supported*

*the main idea of the paper*

* **PURPOSE/TONE:** \_\_\_\_\_\_ / 5
  + *Had a clear purpose and tone*
* **ARGUMENT TECHNIQUES** \_\_\_\_\_\_ / 8
  + *Two of each type (logic, emotion, stat, expert*

*opinion) were appropriately used AND*

*underlined/highlighted*

* **PROFESSIONALISM:** \_\_\_\_\_\_ **/ 5** 
  + *On-task, appropriate use of class time*

**TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ /35**

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English APPL

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  + *On-task, appropriate use of class time*

**TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ /35**